

**Specification:**

**Abstract:** Replace with the following new abstract:

A painting apparatus facilitating the painting of a surface that lies adjacent to another surface that is not to be painted contemporaneously. The apparatus comprises a roller applicator, a shield, a paintbrush, a handle, and a platform. ~~Said~~The shield can rotate between a paint loading position and a paint application position. ~~Said~~The handle is connected to ~~said-the~~the platform by a universal joint which allows ~~said-the~~the handle to be disposed at any angle relative to ~~said-the~~the platform, which, in turn, allows ~~said-the~~the painting apparatus to be used in conjunction with an extension pole in edging a wall along a ceiling without requiring the use of a ladder.

**Description:**

Page 4, second paragraph (starting on line 16), replace with the following new paragraph:

--- In Fig. 2, the painting apparatus is shown in the paint loading position with shield (22) rotated away from roller applicator (58) to facilitate the loading of paint thereon without fouling shield (22) with paint. In the preferred embodiment, shield (22) rotates away from roller applicator (58) on a shield axis (36) substantially perpendicular to and offset from the longitudinal axis of roller applicator (58). Shield (22) is then frictionally held in the paint loading position until manually moved by the user. Figs. 1 and 2 further show that shield (2822) is comprised of a substantially flat disk of predetermined shape. In the preferred embodiment, shield (2822) has at least one flat bottom edge (44), which contacts surface to be painted in the paint application position.